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Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) Biweekly Update:

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An update from the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL), serving Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations by sharing information, resources, training, linkages, partnership and collaboration opportunities, and coordinating human services-oriented meetings, workshops, and events for the Fairfax County faith community. The Community Interfaith Liaison Office is part of the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services, located at 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 220, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. For information, please telephone (703) 324-3453 or e-mail hprym1@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Accommodations:

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call Holly Prymak at (703) 324-3453 or TTY (703) 803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

Contact Us:

For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our web-site at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/default.htm

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Feature Article:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDED BY THE FAITHFUL

On the evening of Tuesday, June 10, the "Affordable Housing Provided by the Faithful" forum will introduce faith communities to innovative affordable housing programs and help them learn how their congregations can become involved. The Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) and Community Ministries of Northern Virginia will host this forum from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center Board Auditorium located at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, Virginia.

Forum participants will learn how faith communities have been successful in creating more affordable housing opportunities and how their congregations can duplicate these affordable housing efforts. Topics to be presented include:

- Faithful Landlords: How to rent your property to low-income families.
- Preserve Existing Housing Stock: Join the Department of Housing and Community Development in exploring the purchase of existing affordable housing rental units about to go on the market.
- Foster Landlords: Let Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services rent your property for their affordable housing program.
- Voucher Equivalents: Join together to provide rental assistance for families in need of affordable housing.

Speakers will include:

The Reverend Ronald Christian - Fairfax County Redevelopment Housing Authority, Lutheran Housing Services, and Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA);

Mike Finkle – Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD);

Shirley Marshall – Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services;

Sharon Kelso – United Community Ministries (UCM) and Fairfax County Homeless Oversight Committee (HOC);

Sue Capers – Virginia Coalition for the Homeless;

Lorraine Richardson – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

Lawrence Graham – Chairman, Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB), and Community Ministries of Northern Virginia board member.

Copies of the Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) March 14, 2003, "*Making Housing Affordable: Tools for Faith-Based Communities*" affordable housing conference resource guide will be made available to June 10th forum participants.

Questions about the June 10th forum should be directed to Trudy Brisendine, Community Action Advisory Board staff, at (703) 324-5185. To request special accommodations, please call Erika Tomko at (703) 324-7509, TTY (703) 222-9452.

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA):

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) - An interfaith coalition of churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, faith- and community-based organizations, and government agencies gathering to learn and share information to better address human services needs in Fairfax County, Virginia.

NEW MISSION STATEMENT AND SEEKING NEW MEMBERS FOR FOUR HUMAN SERVICES TASK FORCES

Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) adopted a new mission statement and general organizational guidelines at its May 14th meeting.

The new FCIA mission statement reads, "Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith communities, community-based organizations, and government agencies that fosters interfaith communications and cooperation to build and strengthen human services resources throughout Fairfax County." FCIA also approved three standing committees to continue efforts to strengthen the structural guidelines of this Fairfax County area interfaith organization. The standing committees are a) Governance, b) Program Overview; and c) Outreach. Faith communities interested in becoming involved in any of these committees should e-mail Reverend Ronald F. Christian, FCIA Chairman, at rchristianfxco@cs.com.

The FCIA also approved the establishment of **HUMAN SERVICES TASK FORCES** to:

- 1) Examine and study Fairfax County area human services needs on which faith communities are seeking further information;
- 2) Review local and other jurisdiction faith community projects, programs, and services that have successfully addressed human services needs similar to those identified in Fairfax County; and,
- 3) Identify and present successful human services resource and service opportunities in which Fairfax County area faith communities can become involved or replicate.

The first four task forces established by the FCIA are:

- Affordable Housing
- Domestic Violence
- Tolerance and Respect
- Youth

For each of these task forces, FCIA is seeking additional interfaith community participation from communities throughout Fairfax County. Should you or someone else in your faith community be interested in joining one or more to the task forces or have questions about the task forces, please call Sandy Chisholm at (703) 324-5185 or e-mail at schish@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The next Faith Communities in Action meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, from 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m., in Conference Rooms 4 & 5 of the Fairfax County Government Center, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia.

As always, all faith communities are invited to attend and encouraged to bring announcements about their upcoming community meetings, speaker events, workshops, and human services project announcements. Questions? Call Sandra Chisholm at (703) 324-5185 or e-mail at schish@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Upcoming Events/Workshops/Conferences:

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Global Crossroads invites you to attend...

Meeting
"Mixed-Use Proposal
for the former Lorton Prison Site's
Central Maximum Facility
at Laurel Hill"
Wednesday, June 4, 2003
11:30a.m. - 1:30p.m.
Lorton Library
9520 Richmond Highway
Lorton, Virginia

Global Crossroads, a company focused on non-profit development and collaboration, is in the process of coordinating a mixed-use proposal for the former Lorton Prison Site's Central Maximum Facility at Laurel Hill. We are creating a proposal that will blend community services, higher education, health care, affordable housing, and supportive commercial services. To assist us in prioritizing the most desired mix of uses for the site, please join us at this meeting to hear an update and provide your input.

For more information, please contact Kathleen Ujakovich at (703) 472-1484.

Thursday, June 5, 2003

George Mason University and the Northern Virginia Mediation Service present...

Workshop
"Using Collaborative Processes to Resolve Community Issues"
Thursday, June 5, 2003
8:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
George Mason University

There are many issues facing government and community groups that really require a positive working relationship between affected parties before a decision can be explored. Creating an inclusive process that involves all those with competing interests may be critical before a decision can be effectively implemented with community support. This workshop will explore key aspects of convening a public consensus process including a) Choosing an appropriate forum; b) Selecting an appropriate process; and c) Creating an environment for success. The instructors are recognized experts from the Institute for Environmental Negotiations at the University of Virginia who have conducted many of these processes throughout Virginia.

Registration: Free for staff of Northern Virginia governments, non-profit and community organizations. \$100 or \$50 with 10-day advance payment for all others.

This program is sponsored by the Virginia Association for Community Conflict Resolution and the Northern Virginia Mediation Service. To register or for more information, please call Erika Alston at (703) 993-3724. Seating is limited. For more information, please visit www.gmu.edu/departments/nyms/catalog.htm#cpc.

Thursday, June 5, 2003

George Mason University and the Northern Virginia Mediation Service present...

Conference

"Collaboration and Consensus Building Across Communities and Organizations" Thursday, June 5, 2003 8:30a.m. - 5:30p.m. George Mason University Fairfax Campus Johnson Center

The 2nd Annual ADR Conference for business, government, and non-profit organizations will feature concurrent sessions on legal, organizational, community, and interpersonal conflict resolution and collaboration.

Conference registration fee: \$275 per person. Early registration by May 28, 2003 - \$225.

For more information, please visit www.NvMediation.org.

Friday, June 6 - Sunday, June 8, 2003

Celebrate Fairfax presents...

Special Event
"Celebrate Fairfax! Festival"
Friday, June 6 - Sunday, June 8, 2003
All-Day Event
Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

For more information, please visit the Celebrate Fairfax! web site at <u>www.celebratefairfax.com</u> or call (703) 324-5303. This is a ticketed event.

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Saturday, June 7, 2003

The Arc of Northern Virginia, in partnership with Annandale United Methodist Church, presents...

Brown Bag Workshop for Individuals with Disabilities, Parents of Children of Any Age with Disabilities, and Professionals Working with People with Disabilities "Understanding Your Sexuality and How to Protect Your Safety Zone in Your Community" Saturday, June 7, 2003

11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Annandale United Methodist Church

Library - First Floor 6935 Columbia Pike Annandale, Virginia 22003

Guest speakers include Ms. Christine Spencer-Greer of Planned Parenthood and representatives from the Fairfax County Police Department and Metropolitan Police Department. To RSVP, please call the Arc at (703) 532-3214. Childcare is limited. Please call Debbie Fleischmann at (703) 532-3214, x, 214 for reservations.

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Saturday, June 7, 2003

Operation Match presents...

Free Event

"Roommate Housing Fair"
Looking for Compatibility?
What are your preferences and needs?

Saturday, June 7, 2003 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. Audrey Moore Recreation Center at Wakefield Park 8100 Braddock Road Annandale, Virginia 22003

For more information about the Roommate Housing Fair, please call Operation Match at (703) 385-3267.

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

The Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) and Community Ministries of Northern Virginia present...

Housing Forum

"Affordable Housing Provided by the Faithful"
Tuesday, June 10, 2003
7:30p.m. – 9:00p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center
Board Auditorium
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Help solve the affordable housing crisis by participating in innovative programs tailored to the ecumenical

community. Join us to learn from those who are doing it now.

Sponsors include Community Ministry of Northern Virginia, Lutheran Housing, Good Shepherd Housing, Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB), Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, and many churches and religious organizations in Northern Virginia.

For more information, please call Trudy Brisendine at (703) 324-7812.

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Upcoming Meeting...

Public Meeting
"Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC)"
Tuesday, June 10, 2003
7:30p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center Conference Rooms 9 & 10 12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, Virginia 22035

This meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the priorities set for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) for FY 2005-2006.

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For more information, please call Bill Macmillan at (703) 324-4657.

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Wednesday, June 11, 2003

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), Prevention Division, presents...

Community Forum
"Hepatitus C and HIV Issues"
Wednesday, June 11, 2003
Noon - 1:30p.m.
Speaker: Gregory Michael
Vienna Presbyterian Church
124 Park Street N.E.
Vienna, Virginia 22180

For more information, please call Margaret Kollay at (703) 934-8772.

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Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Participants in the Continuum of Care (CoC) process are reminded that the final preparation for the HUD application is on June 11th...

Meeting

"2003 Continuum of Care Community Planning Meeting"
Wednesday, June 11, 2003
9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.
Jubilee Christian Center
4650 Shirley Gate Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

The CoC process provides input to strategic planning for homeless needs and addresses changing federal requirements. This meeting will prepare for final development of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Year 2003 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance grant applications for the Fairfax-Falls Church community. There are 14 projects to be renewed for one year, including two Shelter plus Care projects, totaling \$2.7 million dollars. At the meeting, the community will consider prioritization of the projects using a simplified process. This meeting will include a discussion of information and decisions by the community on the community application.

For more information, please call Bill Macmillan at (703) 324-4657 or Michelle Gregory at (703) 324-7136. Please read this newsletter's Grants and Resources section for additional information about the CCFAC 2005 and 2006 proposed funding priorities.

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) announces...

Meeting

"Informational Orientation for Prospective Volunteers"
Wednesday, June 11, 2003
7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.
Fairfax CASA Office
4103 Chain Bridge Road, Ste. 200
Fairfax, Virginia

Fairfax CASA is offering an orientation meeting for prospective volunteers the evening of Wednesday, June 11, 2003. Fairfax CASA is a non-profit organization that recruits, screens, trains, and supports adult community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children and work to ensure that the child is in a safe, permanent home.

For more information	, please call (703)	273-3526 or visit th	ne web site at www	v.casafairfax.org.
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Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Upcoming meeting...

Meeting

"Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Citizens Task Force"

Wednesday, June 11, 2003 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, Virginia 22035

For more information, please contact Julie Tahan at (703) 569-0285.

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Thursday, June 12, 2003

Homeless Oversight Committee (HOC) meeting...

Meeting

"Homeless Oversight Committee (HOC)"

Thursday, June 12, 2003 7:30p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center Conference Room 8

12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, Virginia 22035

For more information, please call Bill Macmillan at (703) 324-4657 or Michelle Gregory at (703) 324-7136.

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Friday, June 13, 2003

Boat People SOS, the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, and the Domestic Violence Pilot Project present...

Free Training

"Recognizing and Responding to Domestic Violence Victims"

Friday, June 13, 2003
9:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
First Virginia Bank
6400 Arlington Blvd.
One First Virginia Place
5th Floor, Room 500
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

This training is for those who encounter domestic violence victims, including support staff, volunteers, and others working at community organizations, government offices, and faith-based organizations.

Light refreshments and lunch will be served. To RSVP or for more information, please call Kim Viet Ngo at (703) 538-2190 or Jessica Van Fossen at (703) 671-5666, x. 122.

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Saturday, June 14, 2003

The Fairfax Fatherhood Collaborative presents...

Dad's Play Day
"Celebrating Dads"
Saturday, June 14, 2003
10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Mott Center
12111 Braddock Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Activities to include dad/child basketball shooting, fun outdoor activities, food, crafts, and billiards. For more information, please call (703) 246-3033.

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Monday, June 16, 2003

The Fairfax Fatherhood Collaborative, in conjunction with the Fairfax County Public Schools, is proud to sponsor...

A fatherhood program
for those who work with men and families.
"Getting Men Involved"
Monday, June 16, 2003
11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Conference Rooms 9 & 10
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Fairfax County offers great opportunities, services, and resources for dads. Please join us and bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, please call (703) 246-3033.

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Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Volunteer Fairfax presents...

Training Series for
Non-Profit and Public Agencies
"Volunteer Recruitment Strategies"
Wednesday, June 18, 2003
8:45a.m. - 12:00p.m.
South County Center
8350 Richmond Highway
Alexandria, VA
Registration Deadline: June 11, 2003

One of the most challenging components of volunteer management is the recruitment and placement of volunteers. Join us for a motivating morning of innovative ideas and strategies for successful volunteer recruitment. Learn how to identify and develop position descriptions that "sell" themselves, create enticing service benefits and how to design a communications strategy that keeps volunteers coming

back! You will walk away with new ideas and a plan of action.

Presenter: Renee Hoyt Atkinson, Special Events Coordinator

Registration fee is \$50 per registrant. Premium members receive one ticket at \$30. Volunteer Fairfax is a private nonprofit organization mobilizing people and resources to meet regional community needs. For more information on programs and services, visit our web-site at www.volunteerfairfax.org, email volsrus@volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3460.

Thursday, June 19, 2003

The Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services presents...

Free Hands-On Training
"Learn How to Use the Human Services Resource Guide"
Thursday, June 19, 2003
Session is from 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 301
Falls Church, Virginia 22044

To register, please call Resource Information Management Services (RIMS) staff, Norma Bartholomew - (703) 533-5787 or Keisha Dotson - (703) 533-5786, or e-mail wwwrim@fairfaxcounty.gov/rim.

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Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Celebrate Fairfax presents...

Next Installment of the
Leading in Crisis Series
"Managing the Total Structural Assets of an Organization"
Tuesday, June 24, 2003
6:30p.m. - 9:30p.m.
Northern Virginia Center
7054 Haycock Road
Falls Church, Virginia

Cost: \$65 per person

This seminar will help individuals to learn principles for promoting systems thinking. Participants will learn how to pay attention to and develop clear plans, sound alignment strategies, and effective processes necessary to empower people's competencies.

For more information, please contact Russ Lentner at (703) 536-1127 or <u>rlentner@virginia.edu</u>. For a listing of upcoming Leading in Crisis Seminars, visit: <u>www.scps.virginia.edu/events/nvevents/list.php</u>.

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Sunday, July 20 - Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Jewish Women International (JWI) presents...

The First International Conference on Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community "Pursuing Truth, Justice, and Righteousness - A Call to Action" Sunday, July 20 - Tuesday, July 22, 2003 Hyatt Regency Hotel Baltimore. Maryland

Please call JWI directly at 1-800-343-2823 or visit <u>www.jewishwomen.org/CallToAction</u> if you would like more information or printed copies of the conference brochure.

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Saturday, July 26, and Saturday, August 16, 2003

Volunteers needed...

"Free School Physicals to Uninsured Children"

Faith communities and non-profit organizations in Northern Virginia are partnering with Inova and the Fairfax County Health Department to provide free school physicals to uninsured children in our community. On Saturday, July 26, and Saturday, August 16, from 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m., more than 400 children are expected to receive free physicals.

Physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, interpreters, and other volunteers are needed to help. Each child will get a free school physical, school immunizations, and screenings. Each child will also be provided with information and an application to enroll in Virginia's state-funded insurance programs. When each child leaves, he or she will be given a bag of school supplies. Churches are being asked to assist by collecting school supplies, volunteering at the event, and helping to plan and/or coordinate the event.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church School Physicals Day will be held Saturday, July 26, 2003 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Georgine Redmond at (703) 573-5903 or e-mail gredmond@gmu.edu.

The Greater Springfield Communities of Faith School Physicals Day
will be held
Saturday, August 16, 2003
9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cyndi Barr at (703) 644-5627 or e-mail *cdbarr@bww.com*.

The Mt. Vernon Community Coalition's School Physicals Day
will be held
August 16, 2003
9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Lilley at (703) 780-4844 or e-mail

Wednesday, Nov. 12, and Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003

The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, presents...

Fall 2003 Research Conference
"The Public Benefit of Private Faith:
Religious Organizations and the Delivery of Social Services"
Wednesday, Nov. 12, and Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003
Two-day Conference
Wyndham Washington Hotel
1400 M Street NW
Washington, DC

Conference registration is free! For more information, please contact Michael Cocca at (518) 443-5014 or via e-mail at coccam@rockinst.org.

News and Announcements:

Free Child DNA Sampling Kits

Governor Mark R. Warner has announced that 80,000 free child DNA sampling kits are now available. Virginia's new car and truck dealers are providing the free kits, which are being distributed as part of the Governor's KIDsafe Virginia initiative, a comprehensive, 10-part program intended to boost child safety efforts in the Commonwealth. A list of participating dealerships is available at the auto dealers' web-site at www.vada.com.

Scholarship Opportunity for High School Students

This summer, the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington will award two Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to the two high school students who have done the most over the course of the past year to further the cause of interfaith understanding. Students interested in being considered for one of these two prizes should contact Mike Goggin at (202) 234-6300 or mikeg@ifcmw.org for more information on scholarship application requirements.

Individual Sessions Available

The Center for Housing Counseling Training is now offering individual sessions. Each session, except for the first session (introduction) and the last session (final exam), is \$20.00. For more information, please contact Joann Ochoa via e-mail at joann@christianrelief.org.

West Nile Virus/Mosquito Control Outreach Program

Say NO to Mosquitoes ELIMINATE STANDING WATER

It's that time of year again! "Fight the bite" and help say NO to mosquitoes. The Fairfax County Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, needs your help in getting information about West Nile Virus and mosquito control measures into the hands and heads of County residents. Your faith community could make a big difference by making printed material available to your membership or printing a few words about West Nile Virus in your bulletin or newsletter. If you would like to be a partner in this effort, please call Carl Sivertsen at (703) 246-2338.

Volunteers Needed for Meals on Wheels Program

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers for three Volunteer Coordinator positions in the County that need to be filled: Fairfax City, Franconia, and Tysons Towers. If you would like more information, please call (703) 324-5846 or (703) 324-5438.

Alexandria Volunteer Bureau Has New Contact Information

Please note, the web-site and e-mail addresses for Alexandria Volunteer Bureau have changed. Updated contact information is included below:

Alexandria Volunteer Bureau Web-site: <u>www.AlexandriaVolunteers.com</u>

General E-mail address: mail@AlexandriaVolunteers.com

To e-mail a member of the staff, please use the staff member's first name instead of "mail." E-mail address for Aaron Spevacek, Executive Director: <u>Aaron@AlexandriaVolunteers.com</u>

Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) Has a New Address

Please note, Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) has a new address. Updated contact information is included below:

Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100 Oakton, VA 22124 (703) 385-5176 (703) 385-5176 FAX

Resource and Grant Opportunities:

Other Department of Labor Grant Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability and Employment Policy (ODEP) announces two grant opportunities.

ODEP has announced the availability of \$2.5 million to award up to six competitive "Working for Freedom, Opportunity, and Real Choice Through Community Employment (WorkFORCE) Initiative" grants. These grants - ranging from approximately \$400,000 to \$625,000 - are designed to continue support for increasing and improving employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

ODEP has also announced the availability of \$500,000 to award up to 10 competitive grants in the amount of \$50,000 to \$100,000 each to provide home modifications as a means of further expanding the community integration of individuals with disabilities, particularly those seeking employment. Grants will be awarded for a 12-month period of performance.

Faith- and community-based organizations are eligible to apply for both grant opportunities. The closing date for receipt of applications is July 14, 2003. For more information, please visit the Department of Labor, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, web page at www.dol.gov/cfbci/funding.htm.

Department of Health and Human Services Grant Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), announces the availability of financial assistance and request for applications for Mentoring Children of Prisoners grants. Grant funds would support the establishment and operation of programs using a network of public and private entities to provide mentoring services for children of incarcerated parents.

This program announcement and its application forms are also available by calling or writing to the ACYF Operations Center at the address below: Educational Services, Inc., ACYF Operations Center, Attention: Sylvia Johnson, 1150 Connecticut Avenue NW, Ste. 1100, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: 1-800-351-2293. E-mail: FYSB@esilsg.org.

To download the announcement, visit the FYSB web site at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb.

Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP)

The Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) has released for public comment the Draft Proposed Funding Priorities for the next two-year cycle for FY 2005-2006 of the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP). Comments can be provided in writing or presented at the CCFAC meeting on June 10, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Rooms 9/10 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia. Written comments should be addressed to David Redman, CCFAC Chair, 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Following that meeting, the CCFAC will recommend funding priorities to the Board of Supervisors. The Board is scheduled to consider the CCFAC's recommendation on July 7, 2003, in order to have Board approval to include the priorities in the Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be issued in the fall of 2003 for the FY 2005-2006 two-year cycle.

Comments are invited on the draft proposed funding priorities or any of the information that is included in the document, as well as other issues that relate to the CCFP process or are relevant to consider in developing guidelines for the Request for Proposals. The CCFAC is especially interested in comments on the target percentages for the Priority Areas, as well as the specific changes described in the following documents.

If you are unable to download this text, and wish to receive a copy, please call Contracts Management at (703) 324-5551 (TTY (703) 449-1186). Please leave a message that includes the name of the organization (where applicable), address, and person to contact.

To access grant and resource information about the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), please use the following link:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/admin/CMInternetSite/Grants.htmTo access grant and resource information about the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), please use the following link: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/admin/CMInternetSite/Grants.htm.

Volunteer and Employment Opportunities:

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New Hope Housing Openings

New Hope Housing has openings for a Director of Resident Services, a Case Manager, and an Assistant Director of Post Shelter Housing. For more information, please see the Position Openings notice, which is included as an attachment on the CIL Biweekly Update e-newsletter web page.

Community Fundraisers:

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc., announces...

Fundraiser to benefit
Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter
Tuesday, June 24, 2003
Pizzeria UNO Chicago Bar & Grill
6363 Seven Corners Center
Falls Church, VA 22044

On Tuesday, June 24, 2003, UNO will donate 20 percent of your check's value, excluding tax and tip, to Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter. If you have any questions, please call Bud Pope at (703) 820-7621, x. 218.

Friday, June 27, 2003

Kids R First announces...

Fundraiser

2nd Annual Golf Classic
Friday, June 27, 2003
South Riding Golfers' Club
Chantilly, Virginia

On Friday, June 27, 2003, Kids R First will hold its 2nd Annual Golf Classic fundraiser. Funds raised will be used to provide children from families in need who attend public school with needed school supplies. This fundraiser will also support the Kids R First College and Career Bound Program, a fund set up (at the present time) to give counselors in seven high schools the resources upon which to draw when there is no other source of funds or when funds have been depleted. Funds are used for a wide range of needs which include partial payment of SAT tutorial courses, college application fees, summer school fees, leadership training events, a breakfast for academic improvement (Herndon High School), ESOL dictionaries, soccer shoes, cosmetology kits, and others. A golfing foursome is \$450, plus each player will receive two coupons for future golfing at South Riding Golfers' Club. The golfing event begins at 9am and a buffet lunch is at 1:30p.m. A raffle will also be held. For more information, please call Susan Ungerer at (703) 860-2255.